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FOR SECRETARY OF TREASURY SHULTZ FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP

SUBJECT: VISIT TO VENEZUELA OF SECRETARY SHULTZ

REF: STATE 56716

1. EMBASSY HAS DONE ITS UTMOST IN DEALING WITH THE
NEW ADMINISTRATION TO INSURE THAT YOU WILL BE RECEIVED BY
PRESIDENT PEREZ. IN FACT, OUR NOTE REQUESTING THIS APPOINTMENT,
WITH AN AFFIRMATIVE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTER
OF VENEZUELA, IS NOW ON PRESIDENT PEREZ'S DESK; AND I HAVE NO
REASON TO ANTICIPATE THAT HE WILL NOT RECEIVE YOU. WE CANNOT
IMAGINE ANY DIFFICULTY RE APPOINTMENT WITH MINISTER OF FINANCE.

2. RE LAST CLAUSE OF REFTEL, A DECISION ON YOUR PART NOT TO
VISIT VENEZUELA AFTER ABUNDANT ADVANCE PUBLICITY WOULD ONLY
GIVE RISE TO UNWARRANTED SPECULATION AS TO THE REASONS
FOR SUCH A NEGATIVE ATTITUDE.

3. I BELIEVE THAT BEFORE YOU TAKE SUCH A DECISION YOU SHOULD
CONSULT WITH YOUR COLLEAGUE THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

4. HOWEVER, I HAVE NO DOUBT AT ALL THAT YOU WILL BE
RECEIVED BY THE PRESIDENT OF VENEZUELA AND I CAN ASSURE
YOU FOR MY OWN PART THAT WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD EAGERLY
TO YOUR VISIT. BEST REGARDS.

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